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THE GNOME PROJECT: "IZOBRETIENIE", TOM, ROJO GOMEZ ("BARS"),
"ACHIEVEMENT", "DIREKTOR", ANTON, "GLITSERIN", KHUAN, "VOIK",
DR. ESTHER CHAPA ("LATA")
(1944)

From: MEXICO CITY

To: MOSCOW

No.: 474

6th June 1944

To VIKTOR[i].

1. For dealing with the GNOME[GNOM][ii] project we shall make active use in the MAIN WAREHOUSE[GLAVNYJ SKLAD][iii] of "IZOBRETIENIE"[iv], who up to now has only been a tenant of one of the hiding places[a].

2. "IZOBRETIENIE" has long been concerned with the [C% GNOME] project. Even before TOM's[v] arrival, when here in this same direction

[22 groups unrecoverable]

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[B% 3.] IZOBRETIENIE is very close to the Governor of a Federal State[FEDERAL'NYJ ShtAT], ROJO GOMEZ[ROJO GOMEZ][vi], in future "BARS", who [5 groups unrecovered] "ACHIEVEMENT[DOSTIZHENIE]"[vii].

[12 groups unrecovered]

with the "DIREKTOR"[viii].

4. IZOBRETIENIE

[23 groups unrecovered]

G.[ii] and perfecting plans for actually driving in for the escape itself[OPERATIVNYJ VYKHOD][b]. We have [5 groups unrecovered] of the MAIN WAREHOUSE and "BARS". In the near future [5 groups unrecovered] ANTON[ix] and IZOBRETIENIE will be accomplished without the knowledge of "GLITSERIN"[x] and KHUAN[xi], through "VOLK"[xii]. [6 groups unrecovered] who will not know the two[c]

[12 groups unrecoverable]

6. IZOBRETIENIE said that he was not au courant with our measures [7 groups unrecovered] dissuade from helping him [C% precipitately]. By virtue of this

[15 groups unrecovered]

necessity.

7. In HOSPITAL[xiii] he saw Doctor Esther CHAPA[xiv], in future "LATA", who gave G. medical treatment out of sympathy for him. LATA is still working in the HOSPITAL and [3 groups unrecovered] G.. The latter asks us

[12 groups unrecovered]

GLITSERIN

[33 groups unrecovered].

Going along

[18 groups unrecoverable]

this correspondence and use LATA for this; she is an old local FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN [ZEMLYAK][xv], a prominent doctor and bacteriologist and keeps in touch on scientific matters with our scientists through VOKS[xvi]. She is about 40 years old and is the first wife of VOLK, who speaks very highly of her. There are the following possibilities for liaison:

[76 groups unrecoverable]

Notes: [a] Literally "refuges".

[b] VYKHOD was used in the sense of "escape" in MEXICO CITY's No. 218 of 2000 March 1944 (3/NBF/T994).

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[Cont'd]: [c] Or "who/which will not be known to the two".

Comments: [i] VIKTOR:

Lt. Gen. P.M. FITIN.

[ii] GNOME/G.:

Probably TROTSKIJ's assassin Jaime Ramon MERCADER, @ Jacques MORNARD @ Frank JACSON. The "GNOME project" appears to be a plan to engineer the assassin's escape from prison.

[iii] MAIN WAREHOUSE:

Possibly the Supreme Court of Justice.

[iv] IZOBRETIENIE:

i.e. "INVENTION"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in MEXICO CITY's No. 554 of 29th June 1944 (3/NBF/T396).

[v] TOM:

General Leonid Aleksandrovich EJTINGON, who arrived in MEXICO in 1940 to supervise the assassination of TROTSKIJ.

[vi] ROJO GOMEZ:
(BARS)

Presumably Dr. Javier ROJO GOMEZ, Mexican lawyer and politician: among posts held by him were those of Head of the Central Department of the Federal District, Governor of the State of HIDALGO, Mayor of MEXICO CITY. "BARS" means "SNOW LEOPARD".

[vii] ACHIEVEMENT:

Unidentified coverword. Also occurs in NEW YORK's No. 846 of 3rd June 1943 (3/NBF/T1087), MOSCOW to MEXICO CITY No. 154 of 12th March 1944 (3/NBF/T556), MOSCOW to BOGOTA No. 55 of 10th May 1944 (3/NBF/T894) and BOGOTA to MOSCOW No. 79 of 10th, 11th May 1944 (3/NBF/T895, 896).

[viii] DIREKTOR:

Unidentified covername.

[ix] ANTON:

Unidentified covername. Also occurs in MOSCOW-MEXICO CITY messages between 20th February 1944 and 4th August 1945.

[x] GLITSERIN:

i.e. "GLYCERINE"; unidentified covername. Also occurs in MEXICO CITY's Nos. 238 of 6th April 1944 (3/NBF/T947) and 281 of 21st April 1944 (3/NBF/T730).

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Comments

[Cont'd]: [xi] KHUAN:

i.e. "JUAN"; probably Juan GAYTAN GODOY, taxi-driver.

[xii] VOLK:

i.e. "WOLF"; Rosendo GOMEZ LORENZO, editor of the magazine "TIEMPO".

[xiii] HOSPITAL:

Prison.

[xiv] Doctor Esther CHAPA:
(LATA)

Former wife of Rosendo GOMEZ LORENZO (see Comment [xii]); had an office in the Federal Penitentiary in MEXICO CITY.

[xv] FELLOWCOUNTRYMAN:

Communist.

[xvi] VKKS:

VSESOUZNOE OBRshchestvo DLYa KUL'TURNQJ SVYazI S ZAGRANITsEJ i.e. All-Union Society for Cultural Relations with Foreign Countries.

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